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MORE FLU?

SPANISH influenza—a mysterious plague which originated on battlefields and in the disorder created by long-continued wars, and swept Europe repeatedly before it appeared at last under a less awful name than the one it bore in the past—first entered the United States by way of the Southern Atlantic ports and appeared a little later in New York.

The flu has appeared again in New York, where it is reaching the proportions of an epidemic. Two days ago the health officials of the port of New York and the officials of the Department of Health were telling New Yorkers that the new visitation of the flu wouldn't do much damage. There is no reason to feel that Philadelphia may profit by any special immunity.

HUMPTY DUMPTY IN OFFICE

IN THAT classic work on philosophy and sociology, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," Humpty Dumpty announces that words mean whatever he wishes them to mean. It has remained for F. L. Hockenburgh, of the New York Legislature, to attempt to apply the method of Humpty Dumpty in framing laws.

GLORY AND JUNK

IT HAS been erroneously asserted that nothing is quite so dead as yesterday's newspaper. But even admitting that the liveliest dispatches have the life of a May fly, it must be conceded that if they expire as news they may in some instances survive as history. No, the maximum of durability is not in the out-dated journalistic product. It is in the one-time vessels of a growing navy.

SIGNS OF PROMISE

THE vote by which the Senate passed the Foreign Loan Bill was really a vote of confidence in President Harding. The plan proposed in the bill was substantially the plan of the executive department of the Government. It provides for the appointment of a commission of five, including the Secretary of the Treasury, to arrange with the debtor nations for exchanging their acknowledgment of indebtedness into interest-bearing bonds of their respective Governments payable in twenty years. The interest is to be not less than 4 1/2 per cent.

REAL DISARMAMENT

THERE is cold comfort for quibblers and hair-splitters in the Five-Power Naval Treaty which Secretary Hughes submitted at the plenary session of the Washington Conference yesterday. Stylistic adornment is not discernible in this momentous instrument.

HOW MANY SERVICE MEN WANT THE MUCH-TALKED-OF BONUS?

Senator Pepper's Attitude Suggests That a Legion Referendum Might Help to Guide Congress

SENATOR PEPPER may expect a variety of picturesque reactions to his frank statement in opposition to the soldier-bonus program that is now taking form in Congress. He is the first conservative Republican of prominence in the Senate to speak with restraint and in terms of definite antagonism of a scheme which most people in Washington discuss in whispers if they discuss it at all.

In the Senate and in the House the Senator's anti-bonus pronouncement caused something of a sensation. Neither the Senate nor the House believes that the bonus plan now under consideration would be a good thing for former service men or for the country. Yet the House has voted for the scheme, and it is seriously to be doubted whether Senators who swing the balance of power would have the courage to express their true opinions with their votes.

CHINA'S OPPORTUNITY

THE Shantung controversy has been settled. In announcing this fact to the open session of the Washington Conference, Secretary Hughes fixed another of those memorable dates which he has been contributing to history.

GREYHOUNDS UNDER THE FLAG

THE Shipping Board's 21,000-ton passenger liners, many of which were constructed on the West Coast, have been abandoned in misgivings. Originally designed as transports for use in the World War, the vessels eventually underwent numerous changes of character, and the idea of employing them in an expanded American merchant marine was regarded in some quarters as a rather distressing afterthought.

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THE 600,000 volumes which comprise the Philadelphia Library are read 4,000,000 times every year. If there were but one book in the library, on this same basis and the thing were possible, that one book would be read 2,400,000,000 times.

THE FREE LIBRARY THIS YEAR WILL RECEIVE FROM THE CITY SOMETHING OVER \$400,000.

THE Free Library this year will receive from the city something over \$400,000. Only 10 per cent of this, or say \$40,000, is spent for books. The rest goes for salaries, rent, fuel, and other expenses.

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NEXT TO the item of salaries, which average \$750 per annum for each employee, comes the matter of rent for branch libraries. This amounts to \$22,000 a year. Last year it cost \$10,000 to bind the books set down to address the issue.

SEISMOLOGISTS ARE THE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD WHO TAKE INTEREST IN EARTHQUAKES.

SEISMOLOGISTS are the citizens of the world who take interest in earthquakes. They are the official recorders of Old Mother Earth's attempts to do the "limmy."

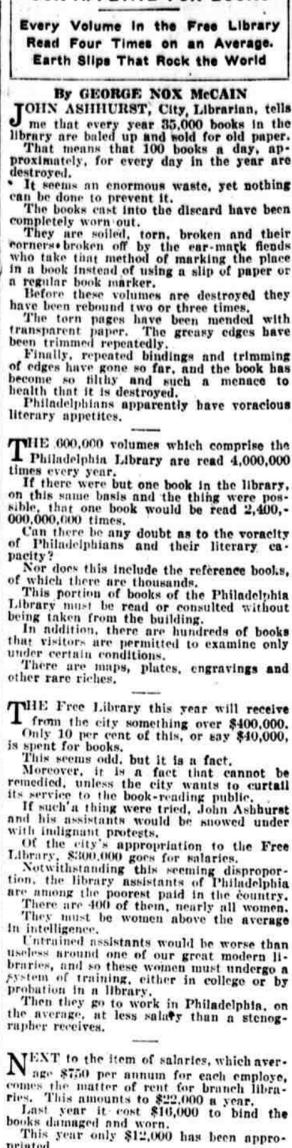
THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND LIVING IN THE VICINITY OF THE FLOK VILLAGES HAVE GOOD REASON TO REMEMBER THIS TIME TWENTY-SIX YEARS AGO.

THE people of Ireland living in the vicinity of the Flok villages have good reason to remember this time twenty-six years ago. It was the great land slide in County Kerry.

ENGLAND IS GRADUALLY SINKING.

ENGLAND is gradually sinking. There has been no sudden crumbling or great slips of earth. It is a slow subsidence. The Goodwin sands, five miles off the coast of Kent, were at one time a portion of the mainland, the property of Earl Goodwin.

"NO BOOTLEGGING; NOW!"



HUMANISMS: Inner Lights on Lives and Whims of Personages in the Public Eye

By WILLIAM ATHON DU PUY

A MASTER of ceremony, making an introductory speech, can be helpful. This is a seemingly unreasonable declaration and there is much evidence to the contrary, but Everett Sanders, of Indiana, who has been a Chattanooga speaker, asserts that it is a fact.

ANTHONY PAUL KELLY, PLAYWRIGHT, AUTHOR OF "THREE FACES EAST," IS PROBABLY THE GREATEST THINKER THERE IS OF MOTION-PICTURE SCENARIOS.

ANTHONY Paul Kelly, playwright, author of "Three Faces East," is probably the greatest thinker there is of motion-picture scenarios. When David Griffith, for instance, paid \$175,000 for the picture rights of that venerable drama, "Way Down East," he hired Tony Kelly to draw up for him. He was merely to dab around with the thing in his own instinctive way.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. What two famous monarchs crowned themselves?
2. What Federal general captured Jefferson Davis in 1862?
3. What is a widgeon?
4. What was the Marquis de Lafayette's middle name?
5. Who wrote "Night Thoughts"?
6. What is the largest waterfall in the world?
7. How many legs has an iguana?
8. How many fourth largest rivers in North America?
9. What is meant by Lincoln green?

SHORT CUTS

All the world desires is that the submarine controversy be sukk without trace. The trouble with the bucket-shop is that there is so frequently a hole in the bucket. There is admittedly plenty of punch in the last act of the Washington Conference.

THE EFFORT OF SENATOR HIRSH JOHNSON TO COLLECT A FEE OF \$25,000 FROM THE CITY OF NEW YORK SUGGESTS AN INTERESTING QUESTION: DOESN'T HE WISH HE MAY GET IT?

THE effort of Senator Hiram Johnson to collect a fee of \$25,000 from the City of New York suggests an interesting question: Doesn't he wish he may get it? New Yorker, sixty-seven years old, plunges into icy Hudson and saves nine-year-old boy. May heaven keep him from rheumatism, for he's a fine old scout.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- 1. The unicorn is a fabulous animal with a single horn.
2. The Three Graces of Greek mythology were Aglaia, Euphrosyne and Thalia.
3. The third smallest State in the United States is Connecticut, with 4955 square miles.
4. Singapore is situated on an island off the end of the Malay Peninsula, the southeast projection of Asia.
5. The nine muses were Calliope, Clio, Erato, Polymnia, Thalia, Melpomene, Urania, Terpsichore and Urania.
6. William Wycherley was a noted English dramatist of the Restoration Period.
7. The "Country Wife" and "The Plain Dealer" are comedies by William Congreve. His dates are 1640-1721.
8. Firenze is the Italian name for the city of Florence, in Tuscany, Italy.
9. The correct name of the word deficit should fall on the first syllable.
10. An unguent is a very soft substance used as ointment or for lubrication.